

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD FOR ENHANCING OXIDE TO NITRIDE SELECTIVITY THROUGH THE USE OF INDEPENDENT HEAT CONTROL, the specification of which:

X is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____, as Application Serial No. _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application as "materiality" is defined in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit of any earlier filing date in the United States to which I am entitled under Title 35 of the United States Code, § 120 and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 of the United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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